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COUNTRY Soviet zone of Germany

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TOPIC Alt Loennewitz Airfield

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EVALUATION B-3

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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1. The jet fighters with fuselage steps, which were stationed at the Alt Loennewitz (N 52/3 84) airfield, had no wire grid on the air intake, but the aperture was divided by a horizontal partition. After a flying interruption of about 10 minutes the engines were started again and a singing noise of medium power with the sound of rhythmical strokes was heard at first. The noise, which was not that of a two-cylinder gasoline engine, was possibly produced by an electric starter operating a priming pump. After running about 60 seconds the noise diminished to a gurgling sound which swelled to a deep-pitched roar. *
2. The procedure for the initial starting of the jet planes with fuselage step was not observed. The procedure for starting jet planes with swept back wings was also not observed. *

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Comment. [REDACTED] the starting procedure of type 16 jet planes. See [REDACTED]. From observations it appears certain that a starter is installed in type 16 jet planes. The starter is probably activated by an aircraft battery.

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